

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as indicated below. Claims 22 through 26 are being cancelled at this time. The other claims were previously cancelled or were previously presented or original, as indicated below.

1 – 8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) A universal serial bus hub comprising: a housing comprising: a middle portion having a first region, a second region located substantially opposite the first region, and a third region located between the first region and the second region; a top portion coupled to the middle portion; and a bottom portion coupled to the middle portion and located opposite the top portion; a power port at the first region; an upstream universal serial bus port at the second region; and a group of downstream universal serial bus ports at the third region, the universal serial bus hub further comprising: a first foot and a symmetric and substantially similar second foot located at opposite ends of the bottom portion; and a recessed first slot and a recessed second slot located at opposite ends of the top portion, wherein the first slot is located above the first region and the first foot; and the second slot is located above the second region and the second foot, and wherein the universal serial bus hub is stackable with a second universal serial bus hub; the second universal serial bus hub is substantially similar to the universal serial bus hub; the first slot of the second universal serial bus hub is configured to receive inside the first slot at least a portion of the first foot of the universal serial bus hub and the second slot of the second universal serial bus hub is configured to receive inside the second slot at least a portion of the second foot of the universal serial bus hub when the universal serial bus hub is stacked on top of the second universal serial bus hub, and wherein the first foot and the second foot of the universal serial bus hub and of the second universal serial bus hub and the first slot and the second slot of the universal serial bus hub and of the second universal serial bus hub self-align and self-interlock the universal serial bus hub and the second universal serial bus hub together.

10. (Original) The universal serial bus hub of claim 9 wherein: the group of downstream universal serial bus ports consists of four downstream universal serial bus ports.

11. (Original) The universal serial bus hub of claim 9 further comprising: a group of status indicators at the top portion, wherein: the group of status indicators are visible through a portion of the top portion.

12. (Original) The universal serial bus hub of claim 11 wherein: the portion of the top portion comprises a translucent material; and the group of status indicators indicate a status of the group of downstream ports.

13. (Original) The universal serial bus hub of claim 9 wherein: at least a portion of the housing comprises a rubberized material.

14 - 26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously Presented) A hub comprising multiple universal serial bus (USB) ports, the hub comprising:

a bottom portion having at least a first foot having a first tab and a second foot having a second tab wherein the first foot and the second foot project downward and outward from at least part of the bottom portion;

a top portion having at least a first slot and a second slot;

wherein the hubs are stackable in a first orientation by inserting the first tab into the first slot and by inserting the second tab into the second slot; and

wherein the hubs are stackable in a second orientation by inserting the first tab into the second slot and by inserting the second tab into the first slot.

28. (Previously Presented) The hub of claim 27 further comprising a first side having at least four USB ports and a power port wherein the hub is configured to be attachably stackable with a substantially similar hub with the first side in either the front or the back.

29. (Previously Presented) The hub of claim 27 further comprising a rubberized coating and a mini B universal serial bus port.

30. (Previously Presented) The hub of claim 27 further comprising an upstream USB port and a group of downstream USB ports.

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Previously Presented) The hub of claim 27 further comprising a top portion comprising a translucent cover over at least one light-emitting diode serving as a status indicator.

33. (Previously Presented) The hub of claim 27 having only two feet on opposite ends of a bottom portion of the hub and wherein the first foot and the second foot are configured to support the hub above a work surface when the hub is placed on the work surface.

34. (Previously Presented) The hub of claim 33 wherein the first slot and the second slot are symmetric with each other and substantially similar to each other.

35. (Previously Presented) The hub of claim 27 wherein the first slot and the second slot are symmetric with each other and substantially similar to each other.

36. (Previously presented) The hub of claim 35 wherein the first tab and the second tab are configured to deflect or flex to insert into the first slot and the second slot and wherein substantially similar hubs are self-aligning and self-interlocking when stacked with each other.

37. (Previously Presented) The hub of claim 27 wherein the first tab and the second tab are configured to deflect or flex to insert into the first slot and the second slot.

38. (Previously presented) The hub of claim 27 wherein the first foot and the second foot are symmetric, are substantially similar, and are located at opposite ends of the bottom portion.

39. (Previously presented) The hub of claim 27 wherein the first slot and the second slot are symmetric and are substantially similar.